

**Summary for projects submitted to the Appropriations Committee for the FY10  
Appropriations Cycle**

**The proposed recipient:** Hospital for Special Surgery

**Address of the recipient:** 535 East 70th Street  
New York, NY 10021

**The amount of the request:** \$4,000,000

**Purpose of the project and why it is a good use of taxpayer funds:** Since its establishment, HSS has been the hospital of choice for countless individuals of all ages—from infants to older adults—suffering from musculoskeletal conditions. Today, HSS is considered the premier specialty hospital for orthopedics and rheumatology in the United States and abroad. This funding will modernize and expand its clinical facilities in order to continue to provide the highest level of care to the growing number of patients seeking its expertise. The demand for care at HSS has reached an unprecedented level. Total surgeries have increased from 12,999 in 1998 to 22,666 in 2008 (74% growth). Furthermore, from 2007 to 2008, surgeries grew by almost 13%. The Project will create a significant number of construction jobs and, when completed, an estimated 400 jobs in the health care sector. Patients will reap the benefits of having greater access to superlative care; shorter waiting times for surgery; and the assurance of continued efforts toward improved treatments.